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1. ARTICLE VI: U.S. TABLED NEW PROPOSALS FOR PARAGRAPH 3
AND 5 (OMITTING ANY PARAGRAPH 6), PLUS ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH 7
(TEXT FOLLOWS):

BEGIN TEXT 3. ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE NOT SUBJECT
TO THE LIMITATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE V, WHICH UNDERGO
CONVERSION TO LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION,
SHALL BECOME SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FIXED ICBM LAUNCHERS WHEN THEIR CONVERSION REACHES
THE STAGE WHICH FIRST INDICATES THAT THEY ARE DEFINITELY BEING SO
CONVERTED;

(B) MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS WHEN THEY ARE BROUGHT OUT
OF THE SHOP, PLANT, OR OTHER FACILITY WHERE THEIR VONERSION HAS
BEEN PERFOMRED;

(C) SLBM LAUNCHERS ON A SUBMARINE WHEN THAT SUBMARINE
FIRST GOES TO SEA AFTER THEIR CONVERSION HAS BEEN PERFORMED.
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5. THE ARMS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS
AGREEMENT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO THESE LIMITATIONS UNTIL
THEY ARE DISMANTELED, ARE DESTROYED, OR OTHERWISE CEASE TO BE
SUBJE T TO THESE LIMITATIONS UNDER PROCEDURES TO BE AGREED UPON.

7. THE PARTIES WILL AGREE IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE

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COMMISSION UPON PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. END TEXT

2. KARPOV REACTED BY QUESTIONING PLACEMENT OF "DEFINITELY" IN PARAGRAPH 3(A), ASSERTING THAT IT SHOULD PRECEDE "INDICATES" AS IN SOVIET-PROPOSED JUNE 20 DRAFT, KLOSSON SAW NO SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE WHETHER "DEFINITELY" MODIFIED CONVERSION OR INDICATION OF CONVERSION.

3. KARPOV STATED THAT CONVERSION FROM A NON-MIRV TO MIRV LAUNCHER COULD ENTAIL A SERIES OF EVENTS, OF WHICH SOME TAKEN ALONE MIGHT NOT "DEFINITELY INDICATE" THAT MIRV CONVERSION WAS TAKING PLACE. THUS, THE NATURE OF THE INDICATION WAS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE.

R. KARPOV CONCURRED ON THE SLBM CONVERSION LANGUAGE NOW SUBMITTED BY BOTH SIDES FOR ARTICLE VI.3(A). HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF IN THE NEED FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE TO THE SCC ON DE-MIRVING.

5. NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 7. EARLE

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